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The Senate met at 9 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we humble ourselves and confess our need for You. You lift us up and grant us opportunities beyond our imagination. Yet, when we try to make it on our own, claiming recognition for ourselves, eventually we become proud and self-sufficiently arrogant. Keeping up a front of adequacy becomes demanding. Our pride blocks our relationship with You and debilitates deep, supportive relationships with others.

Help us accept our humanity. We need You, and life is a struggle when we pretend to have it all together. We honestly confess the times we forgot You went for hours this week, even days without asking for Your help, and endured life's pressures as if we were the source of our own strength.

In the quiet of this moment, we invite You to fill our depleted resources with Your Spirit. We want to allow You to love us, forgive us, renew us, and grant us fresh joy. To this end we admit our need and accept Your power for the work ahead this day. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JACK REED led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. REED thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The assistant majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. The Chair will shortly announce we will be in a period of morning business until 10 a.m. today, with the first half under the control of the majority leader and the second half under the control of the Republican leader. We expect Senator BOXER momentarily.

At 10 a.m. the Senate will resume consideration of the trade bill, with 90 minutes of debate in relation to the Gregg amendment, followed by a vote in relation to that amendment. I remind all Senators that from 2 to 3 p.m. today we will be in recess for the Reagan gold medal ceremony. President Reagan and Nancy Reagan will be recognized in the Rotunda today for their service to our country.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m. Under the previous order, half the time until 10 a.m. shall be under the control of the majority leader or his designee.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask to be advised when 5 minutes remain on our time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair will so advise.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take to the floor this morning to talk about an issue that is very near and dear to the hearts of the American people. It is very near and dear to the hearts of Californians and very near and dear to my heart. That is a clean and healthy environment for our people. I know the Presiding Officer shares my view on this very important issue.

When I was a little girl, my mother would say you can have everything, but if you don't have your health, you

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